

Senate File 504 MHDS Regional Charge

Sec. 18. REGIONAL WORKGROUP — MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY REGIONAL SERVICES.

1. The regional administrator of each mental health and disability services region shall convene a stakeholder workgroup to meet on a regular basis, beginning July 1, 2017, to create collaborative policies and processes relating to the delivery of, access to, and continuity of services and supports for individuals with mental health, disability, and substance use disorder needs, particularly for individuals with complex mental health, disability, and substance use disorder needs. Each region shall review resources currently available including the reduction of mental health and disability services fund balances and options for combining funding from different sources, particularly funding available pursuant to Tit. XIX of the federal Social Security Act, and shall consider providing additional services and supports in their own region or partnering with one or more regions to provide additional services and supports to serve such individuals. The workgroup shall be comprised of representatives from hospitals, the judicial system, law enforcement agencies, managed care organizations, mental health providers, crisis service providers, substance abuse providers, the national alliance on mental illness, and other entities as appropriate.

2. Each mental health and disability services region shall submit a community service plan to the department of human services by October 16, 2017. The plan shall include planning and implementation time frames and assessment tools for determining the effectiveness of the plan in achieving the department's identified outcomes for success in the delivery of, access to, and coordination and continuity of services and supports for individuals with mental health, disability, and substance use disorder needs, particularly for individuals with complex mental health, disability, and substance use disorder needs, and financial strategies to support the plan including combined funding from different sources, particularly funding available pursuant to Tit. XIX of the federal Social Security Act. The plan shall address how mental health and disability services regions will spend down mental health and disabilities services fund balances remaining from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

3. The regional administrator of each mental health and disability services region shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with each of Iowa's managed care organizations that delineates the roles and responsibilities of the region and the managed care organizations in relation to the plan developed by the region to address the services and supports necessary to meet the needs of individuals with mental health, disability, and substance use disorder needs, particularly individuals with complex mental health, disability, and substance use disorder needs.

4. In addition to the requirements specified in subsections 2 and 3, the eastern Iowa mental health and disability services region shall consult with the department to complete an analysis of the region's mental health, disability, and substance use disorder service and support concerns and identify funding opportunities to address such areas of concern in the region, and shall include information in the region's plan that includes the concerns, strategies to address the concerns, and the budget.

5. The department shall submit a report to the governor and general assembly by December 3, 2018, providing a summary of services implemented by each mental health and disability services region and an assessment of each region in achieving the department's identified outcomes for success.